

CONGRATULATING NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE ON THEIR 85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate North Central Texas College on their 85th year of providing quality education. NCTC will be hosting an anniversary celebration on September 25, 2009.

North Central Texas College, originally Gainesville Junior College, was created when Randolph Lee Clark received authorization from the Gainesville City Council to create the college as part of the Gainesville school system on May 20, 1924.

By the 1950s the college had outgrown its original location in the old Newsome-Daugherty mansion and moved to a new location thanks to the support of citizens like W.T. Bonner, who not only voiced support for funding of the new campus but also donated land. The college eventually changed its name to Cooke County College and then, on June 1, 1994, the Board of Regents voted for the current name, North Central Texas College.

NCTC has seen steady enrollment increases over the years. Since 1980, the student population has nearly quadrupled to a current total of more than 6,000 students. With the addition of campuses in Corinth, Bowie and Graham, the institution has positioned itself as a key provider of quality workforce education and training in areas such as nursing, law enforcement, agriculture, and computer sciences. The college also provides a foundation of academics to propel students to higher degrees.

The college is home to the Small Business Development Center which offers assistance and training to owners, managers and employees of area businesses. The Bowie campus houses the Oil and Gas Technology Center to help meet the technological demands of the energy industry. And with the new addition of the Career and Technology Center, students will be trained to rapidly adapt to ever changing industry needs.

This all gives North Central Texas College a significant role in the economic development of Cooke County and the North Texas region.

I am honored to represent North Central Texas College as part of the 26th District and I congratulate Dr. Eddie Hadlock, the faculty and students as they celebrate their 85th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 728, 730, 731, 732, and 733, I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on all.

HONORING COLE PELLETER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole Pelletter, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole Pelletter has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole Pelletter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole Pelletter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING A SALUTE TO VETERANS AT ST. RICHARD PARISH

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Richard Parish in Chicago, Illinois. Saint Richard Parish is hosting its tenth annual Salute to Veterans on Sunday, September 27, 2009.

This celebration, which honors all veterans living and deceased, was started ten years ago by a group of veterans led by Joseph Pierce, William Izquierdo, George Vescovi, and Daniel Costa. All members of the community have been invited to join in honoring the men and women who served our country in the past and those who continue to serve today.

Veterans groups and organizations from throughout the community will come together for this special celebration, which will include a Mass to be followed by a program honoring veterans. I look forward to the honor and privilege of participating in this event for our brave veterans.

Prior to the service, a special ceremony will be held in remembrance of all who have lost their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including Pfc. Omar Torres, a member of the parish who was killed in Iraq in 2007.

I ask you to join me in honoring the members of St. Richard for their civic dedication and the veterans who will be celebrated for their incredible and selfless service to our nation.

IN HONOR OF WARREN JONES, PRESIDENT OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute

to Warren Jones, the outgoing President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA).

President Jones' career began at the Elsmere Fire Company, where he rose to the rank of Chief and President while serving the town. President Jones' distinguished career did not stop there, however; he then went on to become President of the New Castle County Firefighters Association, as well. After moving from New Castle County to Rehoboth Beach, he became an active member of the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. His continued dedication to serving his community is an inspiration to all Delawareans.

This past January, President Jones had the honor of leading the DVFA contingent in the Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. I commend President Jones on his exceptional career of service and dedication and I am glad that he had this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Firefighters fulfill a vital need in our society, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Jones has been exactly that over the past year, and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to him for all of his hard work.

RECOGNIZING BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON COCA-COLA FACILITY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I want to applaud the Coca-Cola facility, located in Bellevue, Washington, for their remarkable efforts and leadership in sustainability and conservation.

In August, I toured this Coca-Cola facility in my district in order to see for myself the extraordinary environmental efforts going on there. In May, the facility was the recipient of the Business Generator Recycler of the Year Award, presented by the Washington State Recycling Association, after finishing 2008 with a recycling rate of 99.7 percent! The tour was impressive, to say the least, and I am so proud to represent such a great example of corporate responsibility and stewardship.

I also understand Coca-Cola is celebrating Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability in Action week in Bellevue soon and I hope CEO John Brock and his employees will enjoy their visit to the Eighth District of Washington. I know the Coca-Cola Corporation and their facility in Bellevue will continue to provide sound environmental leadership and I thank them for their earnest investment in sustainability, stewardship and conservation.

RECOGNIZING LAWRENCE J. JENNINGS, HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence J. Jennings of Hernando County,